

# Michigan Traffic Safety Fundamentals Handbook











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## Introduction

The State of Michigan is committed to providing its residents with a safe and efficient transportation system. In spite of safety efforts, there are still almost 400,000 crashes and 1,300 fatalities annually in Michigan. Based on a national to state comparison, Michigan is showing positive signs of reducing the frequency and risk of traffic crashes.

Consistent with federal initiatives to improve safety, Michigan should consider aggressive crash reduction goals over the next 10 years. Achieving these crash reduction goals requires initiatives in each of the four primary disciplines of traffic safety: Law Enforcement, Education, Engineering and Emergency Services. A key first step would involve focusing attention on improving safety education, increasing the level of knowledge about the basic causes of crashes and reinforcing the link between highway design decisions and safety. The Michigan Traffic Safety Fundamentals Handbook (MTSFH) supports these efforts by being a resource to/for all traffic safety partners.

This handbook is divided into five sections: Crash Statistics, Identification of Hazardous Locations, Traffic Engineering Toolbox, Lessons Learned, and Traffic Safety Resources

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